

Foshee Family

The Foshee family came from France, landed in Rhode Island, moved to Milledgeville, Georgia, and then to Conecuh County (now Escambia County, Alabama).

James Stewart Foshee (b. 25 Aug. 1792)(d. 16 March 1860) followed farming and the lumber business all of his life. At the time of his death, he owned several plantations and valuable lumber interests. He first married Martha Nancy Parker (b. 04 Aug. 1787)(d. 1839). They had four children: I. Harriet (b. 1821). II. John William (b. 01 Feb. 1825)(d. 19 Jan. 1882). III. Martha (b. 26 Dec. 1826). IV. Dave (b. 13 Jan. 1829).

Martha Nancy died in 1839 and James Stewart later married Cassaline Amanda Clements (b. 13 May 1824)(d. 29 April 1892).



Martha Foshee (1877-1953)

Three children were born to this marriage.

I. James Knox Polk (b. Oct. 1845)(d. Sept. 1919). II. Mary Elizabeth (b. 08 Oct. 1850)(d. 12 June 1889) She was the first wife of T. R. Miller and they had ten children. III. Stewart James (b. 10 Jan 1851)(d. 20 Sept. 1907)

Stewart James was engaged in the lumber business and became known as one of the lumber barons in the area. His father died when he was ten years old. His older brother went to fight for the

Union, leaving care of his mother and sister to him. His mother remained with him until her death many years later.

His father's property was wholly lost to the family by the vicissitudes of the war. Starting anew, he became involved in various lumber partnerships from time to time with T. R. Miller (Miller & Foshee), J. M. Clements (Miller, Foshee & Clements), Miller, Foshee Lindsey, and Sowell, Foshee & Co.

He was president of the Bank of Brewton from 1892-1896 and then again from 1897-1907. In 1869 he married Matilda Catherine McGowan (b. 05 Feb. 1851)(d. 30 Dec. 1908) and they had the following children: I. Lewis James (b. 07 July 1870)(d. 15 Jan. 1932). II. William Edward (b. 08 Oct. 1873)(d. 21 July 1935). III. Mason (b. 12 Oct. 1875)(d. 08 Oct. 1914). IV. Martha (Missie) (b. 14 Feb. 1877)(d. 10 April 1953). V. Samuel Stewart (b. 30 Jan 1879)(d. 23 Sept. 1932). VI. John David (b. 26 Sept. 1880)(d. 02 Sept. 1922). VII. Mary (b. 07 July 1882)(d. 05 Jan. 1937). VIII. Clyde (b. 13 April 1884)(d. 05 May 1905). IX. Georgia (b. 09 June 1887)(d. 12 Aug. 1954). X. Eugene (b. 10 Sept. 1888)(d. 23 Sept. 1888). XI. Bruce (b. 05 Dec. 1890)(d. 30 March 1950). XII. Erasmus Manford - died in infancy.

Martha (Missie) Foshee married Menzo Percy Watson (b. 30 Oct. 1873)(d. 25 Nov. 1920) in Brewton, Alabama on 13 June 1903. They had one child: I. Percy Foshee Watson (b. 30 Aug. 1910)(d. 21 Jan. 1957).

Percy Foshee Watson married Agnes Goalder Johnson (b. 28 Sept. 1878)(d. 08 Jan. 1981) and they had two children: I. Diana Foshee Watson (b. 14 Jan. 1944). II. John Foshee Watson (b. 24 Dec. 1945). Diana Foshee Watson first married Bruce George Haney (b. 29 May 1944)(d. 05 June 1991). They had two children: I. Laura Shaw Haney (b. 17 Feb. 1973). II. Elizabeth Foshee Haney (15 Jan. 1975). Diana Foshee married William Newbill Smith, Jr. (b. 22 Mar. 1942) on 20 May 1981. Laura Shaw Haney married Michael Neal McCready on 10 Jan. 1970 on 15 March 1997. John Foshee Watson married Susan Kitchens (b. 20 Nov. 1943). They had three children: I. John Steven (b. 11 Feb. 1971). II. Susan Leigh (b. 09 March 1973). III. Elizabeth Ann (b. 07 April 1977).

John Steven married Stephanie Hart Cleverdon on 03 July 1999. Sources: Family records, census records, land deeds, obituaries, and newspaper articles. Submitted by: Diana Foshee Watson Smith, 401 Ridge Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35213

The Fuqua Family

James, Reuben, John and Henry Moton Fuqua were brothers who lived in the Bethel Community of Escambia County in the middle 1800s.

They were the sons of Absalom Fuqua and his wife, Tabitha Barrow (perhaps Barrow), who settled in the 1840s into what was to be Escambia County. Absalom arrived in the Oak Grove Walton Okaloosa County, Florida, area about 1827. Probably an unmarried man when he first came, he may have met Tabitha there. They were married by the 1830 Census but had no children yet. Although found in the Covington County census that year, they remained in the Oak Grove community (which was very near the Alabama/Florida state line), as shown by his voting records and the 1840 census.

Absalom, born in North Carolina about 1800, was the descendant of Guillaume Fouquet, a French Huguenot who fled to Virginia in the late 1600s as a result of the persecutions of the Huguenots in France. He was married to Jane Eyre about 1667. A few generations later, Absalom's father, Randolph R. Fuqua, left Virginia and began the North Carolina - Georgia - Alabama migration.

Absalom and Tabitha (born in either South Carolina or Georgia) were the parents of Wesley who married Nancy Archilus and settled near Andalusia; Henry Moton who married Sarah Arwood King; John who first married Esther (?) and then Roxie Susan King; Nancy; Elizabeth; James who married Elizabeth Haveard; Sarah; Minerva who married George Nieser; Reuben who married Lottie Cincinnati Adkinson; George; Wealthy; Mary Pollyanna who married William Barneycastle and lived in Santa Rosa County, Florida; and Samuel.

They were found in the 1840 Walton County census, living two households from elderly Randolph R. Fuqua, the apparent father of Absalom. By 1850, Absalom and Tabitha had moved into the future Escambia County. He died about 1855 and Tabitha after 1860. Their burial places are unknown.

At least four of their sons were in the Civil War - Henry Moton, John, James and Reuben - and all of them settled in Escambia County.

James married Elizabeth Haveard - the daughter of Charles and Sabra Haveard. They were the parents of: 1) Sabra Alabama Fuqua who married first Alexander Tew and then John Sellers. 2) James L. Fuqua who married Laura Dixon. 3) Thomas Charles Fuqua who married Catherine Palmer and then Bell Caviness. 4) Joseph Fuqua who married Christine Young. 5) John William Fuqua who married Ella Lou Rouse. 6) Andrew Fuqua married Nancy Elizabeth Howell. 7) Henry Fuqua who married Julia Fuqua. 8) Doctor "Dock" Judge Fuqua who married Mellie Fuqua. 9) Florida F. Fuqua who married Curtis Howard. 10) Nancy Ida Fuqua who married William Charles Walther. 11) Albert Fuqua. 12) Edd Bruton Fuqua who married Mary Hettie Vernon. 13) Sam Fuqua.

Absalom's son, Reuben, married Lottie Cincinnati Adkinson. They were the parents of: 1) Mary Fuqua who married Joseph Clements. 2) Celia Fuqua who married Augustus Barnhill. 3) Joseph Fuqua who married Ella Moms. 4) Julia Fuqua who married Henry Fuqua. 5) Lawrence Fuqua who married Sarah Emily Johnson. 6) Dennis Fuqua. 7) Kenneth Fuqua who married Martha Katherine Bush. 8) Reuben Fuqua who married Lena Morris. 9) Obby Fuqua. 10) Mellie Fuqua who married Doctor (Dock) Judge Fuqua. 11) Walter Fuqua who married Emma Morris.

Henry Moton and Sarah are thought to be the parents of John Wesley; Mourisa, Margarita; Harrison; John Lee; James William; Mary A.; Charles; Sarah Ann and Henry Newton.

John and Esther are thought to be the parents of Jackson; William; Isaac; Nancy and John Moton. John and Roxie were the parents of John T. and Joe.

There may have been other children to these brothers.

Many of the Fuqas are buried in the Fuqua/Haveard Cemetery and the Bethel Cemetery in the Bethel Community of Escambia County. Sources: Federal Censuses, Voter lists found in "The Territorial Papers of the United States"-Vol. XXVI, Fuqua Family Foundation Files, "Censuses or Enumeration of Confederate Soldiers Residing in Alabama, 1907, Calvin Fuqua files, Family records. Compiled and submitted by: Barbara C. Martin, 5836 Dairy Road, Baker, Florida 32531

Gibson Family

The Gibson family's beginning dates back to the mid-1800s when Jonas Gibson married Sarah Middleton. To this union twelve children were born: Mamie, Beatrice, Emma, Ann, Flora, Fannie, Will, Thomas, Leslie, Farris, and Julius Caesar. The family lived in Pine Level, Alabama, located about 12 miles outside of Georgiana, Alabama.

Jonas was small in stature and dark in complexion. He was a deacon in the Pine Level Church.

Sarah Middleton Gibson is remembered as being a beautiful woman with Indian features. She was fair in complexion with long pretty hair. It is said she was a slave fathered by the plantation owner.

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